



**WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NATUROPATHIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

LOCATION: Department of Health
310 Israel Road Southeast, Room 153
Tumwater, Washington 98501

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Rowse, N.D., Chair
John Catanzaro, N.D., Vice Chair
Barbara Gross, N.D.
Walter Clemons, Public Member
Andrew Holguin, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager
Blake Maresh, Executive Director
Arlene Robertson, Program Manager
Maryella Jansen, Deputy Executive Director
Lisa Noonan, Case Management Manager
Karen Maasjo, Secretary Senior
Jennifer Wolfe, Program Representative

AAG PRESENT:

Pamela Anderson, AAG Advisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Approval of meeting agenda
The meeting agenda was approved as written.
- 1.2 Approval of August 4, 2004 meeting minutes
The August 4, 2004 meeting minutes were approved as written.

2. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

- 2.1 Blake Maresh, Executive Director, Maryella Jansen, Deputy Executive Director, and Lisa Noonan, Case Management Manager, were introduced. They will join Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager, in working directly with the Naturopathic Advisory Committee (Committee). Pamela Anderson was introduced as the new Assistant Attorney General advisor to the Committee.

3. LEGEND SUBSTANCES DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Dr. Roger Rowse, Committee Chair, made a motion to table the legend substances discussion until after the 2005 Legislative session ends. The motion was seconded and passed.

4. NATUROPATHY WEB PAGE PROJECT

- 4.1 A new draft of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet was reviewed and discussed. Dr. Barbara Gross, Committee Member, requested that the FAQ sheet include information on the types of complaints the Department of Health (Department) receives about Naturopaths. Dr. Gross also requested that information be included on the complaint process. Ms. Rawnsley will provide a new draft for the next meeting. Walter Clemons, Committee Member, suggested including information on curriculum requirements for approved schools of naturopathic medicine. A reference will be provided on the FAQ sheet directing interested parties to the Washington Administrative Codes (WAC) relating to the Naturopathy Program school approval process. Committee members will send any additional suggestions or comments to Ms. Rawnsley by March 2, 2005.

5. SCHOOL RE-APPROVAL PROCESS

- 5.1 Ms. Rawnsley stated that Bastyr University has been re-approved as an accepted school of naturopathic medicine by the Naturopathy Program.

6. PROGRAM REPORT

- 6.1 Ms. Rawnsley provided the Committee with the most recent Naturopathy Program budget information. The current balance for the biennium, as of December 2004, was \$656,201.

The Department is exploring another possible fee reduction. A fee study will need to be completed and a reduction would only affect the renewal fees. A definite timeframe for the possible reductions has not been identified as the discussions are just beginning.

The Department began an expedited rule-making process which would allow for the adjusting of renewal fees without requiring a separate rules process each time there is a recommendation for a change. The Department would like to see no more than a 20%

“reserve” in the revenue balances above the operating costs. The reduction would be in place for at least the duration of one renewal cycle for all of the affected licensees. The department would be able to raise the fees, if necessary, if the reserve drops too low. The fees would not be able to be raised any higher than the amount of the fee as fixed in the specific profession’s rules or WACs.

Ms. Rawnsley reported the current number active licensees as 713. Last year at this time the current number of active licensees was 645. Program staff issued 92 new licenses in 2004.

A total of 11 complaint reports were received in 2004. The types of reports received were varied and included issues related to prescribing, standard of care, practice beyond the scope, questionable conduct, insurance billing and continuing education.

Ms. Rawnsley provided a brief overview of House Bill 1546 and Senate Bill 5605. The two bills are identical in content and would expand the scope of practice for Naturopaths. They add prescriptive authority for codeine and testosterone in schedules III and V of controlled substances and also increase legend substances available for use. They would allow for the administration of intramuscular, intravenous, subcutaneous, and intradermal injections of substances as determined in rules established by the Secretary. They would also expand the use of venipuncture and allow for the care of lesions as part of minor office procedures.

The Naturopathy Program re-approved two colleges of naturopathic medicine in 2004. The approved colleges are Bastyr University and National College of Naturopathic Medicine in 2004. They are approved until 2009.

Ms. Rawnsley was a guest lecturer for both sections of the Washington State Jurisprudence class at Bastyr University. She received positive feedback that the information was very helpful to the students. Ms. Rawnsley plans to speak to both sections of the class in this upcoming year.

The Committee will have several vacancies this year. Four of the five committee member positions will be vacated as terms expire. None of the vacating committee members are eligible for reappointment. The program is in the process of recruiting for two Naturopathic Physician positions that will be vacant at the end of May, one public member position that will be vacant at the end of November and one Naturopathic Physician position that will be vacant at the end of December.

- 6.2 Mr. Maresh provided information on the new organization of Health Professions Section Five (HPS5). Mr. Maresh discussed which professions are included in HPS5. The professions include physicians and physician assistants, osteopathic physicians and osteopathic physician assistants, podiatric medical doctors, naturopathic physicians, radiologic technologists and x-ray technicians.

Mr. Maresh reported on three legislative bills that could effect the naturopathic profession. Senate Bill 5064 involves the sharing of health care information between state agencies to increase levels of coordination. House Bill 1071 could require a practitioner's license to be revoked after 3 similar findings. House Bill 1137 relates to the expansion of the scope of the physical therapy. This bill would require that "physical therapy" would only provided by a physical therapist.

7. SET MEETING DATES

7.1 The meeting dates for 2005 were scheduled. The meetings will be held on May 4, 2005, August 10, 2005 and November 9, 2005 in Olympia.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Signature on file

Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager
Naturopathic Advisory Committee

Signature on file

John Catanzaro, ND, Vice Chair
Naturopathic Advisory Committee